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RE: RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT DATED  
MAY 23, 2006

Applicant : ZHENG TAN ET AL.

Title : CHEMICAL ACTIVATION AND REFINING OF SOUTHERN PINE  
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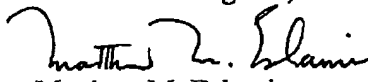
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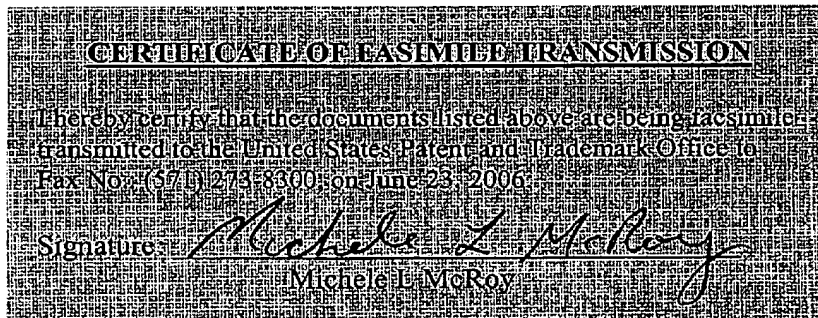
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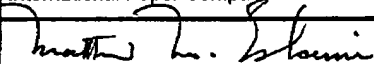
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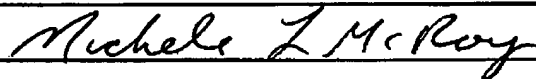
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Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 10/668,387

Examiner: Jose A. Fortuna

Filed: September 23, 2003

For: CHEMICAL ACTIVATION AND REFINING OF SOUTHERN PINE FRAFT FIBERS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 23, 2005, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.